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# Manufactured Homes Commission

## *Fact Sheet*

The Manufactured Home Commission conducts ongoing studies and reports on the issues and problems as they relate to manufactured housing communities, owners and residents. The 2000 federal census reports that there are 320 communities in the Commonwealth with manufactured homes, accommodating 24,117 manufactured home units and housing 41,171 tenants.

**Commission** Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 6, Section 108, establishes the Manufactured Home Commission. The five-member Commission is appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council, and must include at least one resident of a manufactured housing community and at least one community owner. Not more than three members shall be of the same political party. The Commission presently consists of three members: Edward D. Currie, Sr., Chair, Henry A. Schlickman, Vice-Chair, and Patricia M. Fellows, Recording Secretary. The Attorney General and the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) are ex-officio members.

The Commission meets on the third Friday of each month at 10:30AM at various locations throughout the Commonwealth in order to address problems and concerns of both owners and tenants. The Commission does not meet in the months of February, July, August and December. The meetings are open to the public.

**Responsibilities** The Commission is required to perform the following functions:

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- 1) Identify issues pertaining to manufactured housing communities, the owners of such communities, and the owners of manufactured homes and make recommendations to deal with these issues;
- 2) Receive complaints from owners of manufactured housing communities and manufactured home owners, and if appropriate, make recommendations for their resolution;
- 3) Develop, with the Department of Housing and Community Development, proposals for specific zoning standards to be applicable to new manufactured housing communities in order to ensure that all such new communities are well designed, attractive and suited to the needs of manufactured home owners;
- 4) Formulate, with the Department of Housing and Community Development, proposals for local taxation of manufactured homes and home sites so that municipal tax revenues meet the cost of hosting a manufactured housing community; and
- 5) File a report annually with the Governor, the General Court, the Attorney General, and the Department of Housing and Community Development, about the Commission’s activities and recommendations, if any, with drafts of legislation required to effect such recommendations.

**Commission members**

As of October, 2002, the Commission members are as follows:

Edward D. Currie, Sr. - Chair  
Henry A. Schlickman - Vice Chair  
Patricia M. Fellows – Recording Secretary  
Honorable Vinny deMacedo

*in addition to one vacant position*

**For more information**

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